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## U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Appoints District of Columbia State Advisory Committee Members

**WASHINGTON, DC -** The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights has appointed thirteen citizens to its District of Columbia State Advisory Committee.

Kimberly Tolhurst, delegated the authority of Staff Director of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, announced the appointment of Sonia P. Gutierrez, Clyde J. Hart, Chester W. Hartman, Vernon Dexter Ingram II, Winona M. Lake Scott, Daniel P. Lips, Charles R. Lowery, Jr., Alan K. Palmer, Laurence. D. Pearl, Edwin G. Peterman, James J. Sandman, Gregory D. Squires, and J. Steven Wagner. The Commission appointed Laurence D. Pearl as chairman.

Congress has directed the Commission to establish advisory committees in all 50 states and the District of Columbia to advise the Commission on matters in their states that are within the agency's jurisdiction.

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The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is an independent, bipartisan agency charged with monitoring federal civil rights enforcement. Members include Chairman Martin G. Castro, Roberta Achtenberg, Todd F. Gaziano, Gail Heriot, Peter N. Kirsanow, David Kladney, Abigail Thernstrom, and Michael Yaki. The Commission's website is <a href="http://www.usccr.gov">http://www.usccr.gov</a>.